

HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CONSERVATION, FORESTRY, AND OUTDOOR RECREATION

327 House Office Building

Thursday 8:30 A.M.

April 27, 2006

Representative Tom Casperson, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Representative Casperson requested attendance be called to establish a quorum of the appointed committee members:

Present: Representatives Casperson, Hildenbrand, Garfield, Nitz, Baxter, Rocca, McDowell, Sheltroun, Gillard and Espinoza.

Absent: Representative Stakoe.

Representative Garfield moved, supported by **Representative Sheltroun**, to excuse the absent member.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by **unanimous consent**.

MEMBER ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative Stakoe.

Representative Garfield moved, supported by **Representative Sheltroun**, to approve the minutes of the **April 20, 2006** meeting.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by **unanimous consent**.

The Chair laid SB 971 and SB 972 before the committee.

SB 971	Brown	Recreation; state parks; sale of state park land; require review and recommendation of the citizens committee for Michigan state parks.
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SB 972	Birkholz	Recreation; state parks; surplus lands; prohibit land within state parks from being designated surplus.
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Senator Brown, sponsor of SB 971, explained his bill to the committee. Senator Brown also submitted written testimony.* Questions and discussion followed.

Rodney Stokes, representing the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, testified in **support** of **SB 971 and SB 972**. Questions and discussion followed.

Senator Birkholz testified in support of her bill **SB 972**. Questions and discussion followed.

LuAnne Kozma, representing the Defense of Place, testified in **support** of **SB 971 and SB 972** with amendments. Ms. Kozma also submitted written materials.* Questions and discussion followed.

Kate Madigan, representing the Michigan Environmental Council, testified on **SB 971 and SB 972**. Questions and discussion followed. Ms Madigan also submitted written materials.*

Donna Stine, representing the Michigan United Conservation Clubs of Michigan, testified in **support** of **SB 971 and SB 972**.

David Swan, representing himself, testified on **SB 971 and SB 972**.

Christine Vogt, representing herself testified indicating a neutral position on **SB 971 and SB 972**.

Kelly Dardzinski, representing the Public Interest Research Group In Michigan (PIRGIM), testified on **SB 971 and SB 972**. Ms. Dardzinski also submitted written material.*

Ellen Smith, representing the Save Our State Land citizens group, submitted written material and was not present to testify.*

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** adjourned the meeting, the time being **10:10 a.m.**

Representative Tom Casperson, Chair

Dave Mead
Committee Clerk
April 27, 2006
1 hour 40 minutes

Date Approved and Signed

* indicates printed material submitted.